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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

The Documents AA through AC, AI and AJ were cited in a European Search Report dated October 29, 2003 for a corresponding European application. The search report is also enclosed. The Documents AF through AH are discussed respectively in the specification of the present application.

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AG	<b>2003-166664</b>	<b>06/13/2003</b>	<b>Japan</b>	<b>Yes (Abstract Only), cited as Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-368486 on page 31 in the spec.</b>
AH	<b>3-27261</b>	<b>06/12/1991</b>	<b>Japan</b>	<b>Yes (Abstract Only), see page 48 in the spec.</b>
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